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and I have some figures here that are called Economic Impacts of Ethanol Production in Nebraska and the United States. It's by Todd Sneller who is also with the Ethanol Board. Dr. Evans from the...Professor of Economics at the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, he has a report that measures the impact of ethanol production by state and nationally. He concludes that the ethanol industry increases net farm income by more than 4.5 billion dollars nationally. He concludes it boosts total employment by 192,000 jobs, that it improves the balance of trade by over \$2 billion, it adds over 450 million to the states tax receipts and results in net federal budget savings over \$3.5 billion. I, and there was a question raised a little bit ago, and Senator Landis is not here, but I wanted to address his concern with another tier that was added to LB 620, and we got some figures put together for us by staff and by the Ethanol Board that indicates that a plant, an ethanol plant, if that ethanol plant produced 25 million gallons of...at 25 million gallons of ethanol a year would qualify for about \$40,000 from that tier of LB 620, but those \$40,000 all have to be spent on the personnel that work at the plant. So if it would satisfy people, I'd be willing to put an amendment on LB 620 that would say ethanol plants are not eligible to collect the lower tier that was put on by Senator Vrtiska. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the figures that Senator Dierks gave us are very suspect in my mind and they don't deal with the question that I asked. First of all, I'm going to say some things, then I'm going to ask Senator Dierks a question. I'm from the city. I have never worked on the farm. I have never sold a bushel of corn but I can read and I can understand what I read. I have questioned my colleagues and we have established that the vast majority of corn raised is used for animal feed. The vast majority of corn produced in this state and in this country is used for animal feed, and the vast majority of corn grown they try to ship out of this country and it's used for animal feed. It's not used for human consumption. They are not going to substantially bite into what is being fed to animals and start making ethanol out